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 11 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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 13 ADDICTION/PERSONAL INJURY  
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14 This Document Relates to:

16 *Ridener v. Meta Platforms Inc. et al*, 4:24-  
 cv-03059;

17 *Jones v. ByteDance, Ltd. et al*, 4:24-cv-  
 03287;

19 *Jacobs v. YouTube, LLC et al*, 4:24-cv-  
 04646;

21 *Hill v. Meta Platforms, Inc. et al*, 4:24-cv-  
 08451;

22 *J.P., et al., v. ByteDance, Ltd, et al.*, 4:24-  
 cv-09075;

23 *C.H., et al., v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*,  
 24 4:24-cv-09077;

25 *HS, et al., v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*,  
 26 4:24-cv-09401;

27 *CG, et al., v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*,  
 28 4:24-cv-09407;

*A.G., et al. v Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*

Case No. 4:22-MD-03047-YGR  
 MDL No. 3047

**PLAINTIFFS' FOURTEENTH  
 CONSOLIDATED EX PARTE  
 APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
 GUARDIANS AD LITEM**

1       *4:24-cv-09343;*  
 2       *S.S., et al., v. ByteDance, Ltd, et al., 4:24-*  
       *cv-09398;*  
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 4       *K.B., et al., v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.,*  
       *4:25-cv-00121;*  
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 6       *J.K., et al., v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.,*  
       *4:25-cv-00166;*  
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 8       *J.S., et al. v. ByteDance, Ltd., et al., 4:25-*  
       *cv-00275;*  
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 10      *S.C., filed on behalf of minor W.C. v. Meta*  
       *Platforms and Instagram, LLC, 4:25-cv-*  
       *2398;*  
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 12      *A.M., filed on behalf of minor M.M. v. Meta*  
       *Platforms, Inc., et al., 4:25-cv-2756;*  
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 14      *P.H., filed on behalf of minor A.B. v.*  
       *ByteDance, Ltd. et al, 4:25-cv-2786;*  
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 16      *M.S. filed on behalf of minor A.S. v. Meta*  
       *Platforms, Inc. et al., 4:25-cv-3175;*  
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 18      *A.B., filed on behalf of minor A.B. v. Meta*  
       *Platforms, Inc. et al, 4:25-cv-3705;*  
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 20      *D.W. v. ByteDance, Inc. et al, 4:25-cv-*  
       *3713;*  
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 22      *D.W. v. Meta Platforms, Inc. et al, 4:25-cv-*  
       *3796;*  
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 24      *J.A. filed on behalf of minor A.A. v. Meta*  
       *Platforms, Inc. and Instagram, LLC, 4:25-*  
       *cv-4007.*

## APPLICATION

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 Pursuant to this Court’s Order Regarding Appointment of Guardian *Ad Litem* (“Guardians  
 22       *Ad Litem* Order”) (ECF No. 122 at 3), Plaintiffs’ Liaison Counsel, Jennie Lee Anderson, hereby  
 23       submits Plaintiffs’ Fourteenth Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application for Appointment of Guardians  
 24       *Ad Litem* (“*Ex Parte* Application”) for this Court’s consideration.  
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26       “Fit parents are presumed to act in the best interests of their children.” *J.B. by &*  
 27       *Through Billiet v. Tuolumne Cnty. Superintendent of Sch.*, No. 19-cv-0858-NONE-EPG, 2021  
 28       WL 3115195, at \*2 (E.D. Cal. July 22, 2021) (citing *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57, 66 (2000);

1     *Doe v. Heck*, 327 F.3d 492, 521 (7th Cir. 2003)); *see also Brown v. Alexander*, No. 13-cv-01451-  
 2 RS, 2015 WL 7350183, at \*1 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 20, 2015) (“In general, a parent who is also a party  
 3 to the lawsuit is presumed to be a suitable guardian ad litem, and so the court often appoints the  
 4 parent as guardian ad litem upon receipt of an ex parte application without exercising much  
 5 discretion.”) (citation omitted). Absent a conflict of interest, “[a] parent is generally appointed  
 6 guardian *ad litem*.” *A.G. v. South Bay Dreams Coop., Inc.*, No. 16-cv-02598-RNB, 2018 WL  
 7 2002370, at \*3 (S.D. Cal. Apr. 30, 2018) (citing *Anthem Life Ins. Co. v. Olguin*, No. 06-cv-  
 8 01165-AWI NEW (TAG), 2007 WL 1390672, at \*3 (E.D. Cal. May 9, 2007)); *accord J.M. v.*  
 9 *Liberty Union High Sch. Dist.*, No. 16-cv-05225-LB, 2016 WL 4942999, at \*2 (N.D. Cal. Sept.  
 10 16, 2016). However, “[w]hen there is a potential conflict between a perceived parental  
 11 responsibility and an obligation to assist the court in achieving a just and speedy determination of  
 12 the action, a court has the right to select guardian ad litem who is not a parent if that guardian  
 13 would best protect the child’s interests.” *J.M.*, 2016 WL 4942999, at \*1 (citations omitted)  
 14 (internal quotation marks omitted).

15                 Attached as Exhibits 1-23 to the Declaration of Jennie Lee Anderson in Support of  
 16 Plaintiffs’ Fourteenth Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application for Appointment of Guardians *Ad Litem*  
 17 (“Anderson Decl.” or “Anderson Declaration”) are the *Ex Parte* Applications for Appointment of  
 18 Guardians *Ad Litem* (“Applications”) submitted by the parents and/or legal guardians of individual  
 19 minor Plaintiffs in the following cases.

- 20             • *Ridener v. Meta Platforms Inc. et al*, 4:24-cv-03059 (Exhibit 1);
- 21             • *Jones v. ByteDance, Ltd. et al*, 4:24-cv-03287 (Exhibit 3);
- 22             • *Jacobs v. YouTube, LLC et al*, 4:24-cv-04646 (Exhibit 4);
- 23             • *Hill v. Meta Platforms, Inc. et al*, 4:24-cv-08451 (Exhibit 5);
- 24             • *J.P., et al., v. ByteDance, Ltd, et al.*, 4:24-cv-09075 (Exhibit 6);
- 25             • *C.H., et al., v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:24-cv-09077 (Exhibit 7);
- 26             • *HS, et al., v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:24-cv-09401 (Exhibit 8);
- 27             • *CG, et al., v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:24-cv-09407 (Exhibit 9);
- 28             • *A.G., et al. v Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:24-cv-09343 (Exhibit 10);
- *S.S., et al., v. ByteDance, Ltd, et al.*, 4:24-cv-09398 (Exhibit 11);

- *K.B., et al., v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:25-cv-00121 (Exhibit 12);
- *J.K., et al., v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:25-cv-00166 (Exhibit 13);
- *J.S., et al. v. ByteDance, Ltd., et al.*, 4:25-cv-00275 (Exhibit 14);
- *S.C., filed on behalf of minor W.C. v. Meta Platforms and Instagram, LLC*, 4:25-cv-2398 (Exhibit 15);
- *A.M., filed on behalf of minor M.M. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:25-cv-2756 (Exhibit 17);
- *P.H., filed on behalf of minor A.B. v. ByteDance, Ltd. et al.*, 4:25-cv-2786 (Exhibit 18);
- *M.S. filed on behalf of minor A.S. v. Meta Platforms, Inc. et al.*, 4:25-cv-3175 (Exhibit 19);
- *A.B., filed on behalf of minor A.B. v. Meta Platforms, Inc. et al.*, 4:25-cv-3705 (Exhibit 20);
- *D.W. v. ByteDance, Inc. et al.*, 4:25-cv-3713 (Exhibit 21);
- *D.W. v. Meta Platforms, Inc. et al.*, 4:25-cv-3796 (Exhibit 22);
- *J.A. filed on behalf of minor A.A. v. Meta Platforms, Inc. and Instagram, LLC*, 4:25-cv-4007 (Exhibit 23).

Exhibits 1-23 to the Anderson Declaration are Applications submitted to Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel for filing since the last guardian *ad litem* submission. The Applications attached to the Anderson Declaration as Exhibits 1-23 are consistent with Attachment A to this Court's Guardian *Ad Litem* Order (ECF No. 122) and include (1) the applicant's name and contact information (including address, email, and telephone number); (2) the name, case number, state of domicile (and its minimum age of capacity); (3) a sworn statement that the applicant is the parent and/or legal guardian of the minor plaintiff; and (4) a sworn statement affirming that the applicant is fully competent and qualified to understand and protect the rights of the minor plaintiff and has no interests adverse to the interests of that person. Anderson Decl. ¶ 26.

Pursuant to this Court's Guardians *Ad Litem* Order, the Applications by parents and/or legal guardians in the cases listed above are deemed presumptively approved upon filing, as there is no apparent conflict between the applicants' parental responsibility and their obligation to assist

1 the Court in “achieving a just and speedy determination of the action.” ECF No. 122 ¶ 4 (citing  
 2 *J.M.*, 2016 WL 494299, at \*1). This Court also ordered that, absent the filing of an objection, the  
 3 presumptive approval shall become final fifteen days after the date this *Ex Parte* Application is  
 4 filed. ECF No. 122 ¶ 5. The objection period will close on July 9, 2025.

5 Accordingly, Plaintiffs submit herewith a [Proposed] Order Granting *Ex Parte*  
 6 Applications and Appointing Guardian *Ad Litem* appointing the parent and/or legal guardian  
 7 named in the Applications submitted in the case listed above.

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 9 Dated: June 24, 2025

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